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Mr. Philip Raines Marblehead Lime Company 390 East Joe Orr Road Chicago Heights, Illinois 60411

Dear Mr. Raines:

Re: Vegetation Plot Establishment, Utah Marblehead Lime Mine, M/045/003, Tooele County, Utah

This letter is to confirm some of the agreements we made, pursuant to test plot establishment, at the Utah Marblehead Mine site. The agreements were made during our site visit of that facility on February 21, 1989.

The test plots will be constructed at the north end of the quarry, protected from future disturbance. They will be fenced to prevent livestock (cattle) intrusion.

The test plots will be established using the same procedure as outlined in Utah Marblehead's December 4, 1985 letter to the Division. Please use all the species described in that letter on the five plots. On the individual species plot and control plot, please add bottlebrush squirrel tail (Sitanion hystrix) and crested wheatgrass (Agropyron cristatum). Mr. Mel Coonrod, of B & R Reclamation, suggested experimenting with the crested wheatgrass. Please ask the contractor to provide certified seed labels for the seed to be applied to these test plots. The certified labels should be provided by the seed supplier.

We agreed that 6-8 inches of topsoil would be removed from the plot site, or topsoil would be removed down to the parent rock material if 6-8 inches of topsoil is not available. After topsoil removal, 6-8 inches of fines or waste material, from the quarry site, will be applied as planting medium.

I spoke with Mr. Coonrod about the time for planting. We agreed this fall of '89 would be the best time, preferably in late October or early November. This will best duplicate the time of planting for final reclamation.

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I would like to be present at the time of seeding and the addition of soil amendments. Please contact me when you have a good idea of the time frame, so that I might work it into my schedule.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Holland Shepherd

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cc: Mel Coonrod, B & R Reclamation Specialists

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